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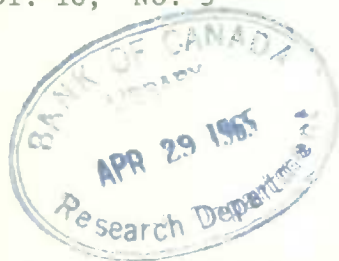
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PRODUCTION OF EGGS

March 1965

Estimated production of eggs in Canada(1) during March at 39.9 million dozen was 4.9 per cent more than the 38.1 million dozen produced in March 1964. The estimated number of layers at 27.1 million was 4.3 per cent higher than a year earlier while the rate of lay increased by 0.6 per cent to 1,779 eggs per 100 layers.

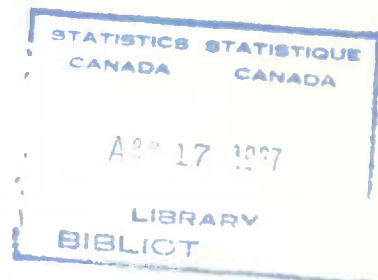
Sales of market eggs during March are estimated at 34.6 million dozen, 7.5 per cent more than in March 1964. The average price of eggs to producers as reported in the monthly sample survey was 30.9 cents per dozen in March and 28.4 cents per dozen in February. The corresponding farm prices reported in March and February 1964 were 32.8 and 33.7 cents, respectively.

According to preliminary estimates egg production in the first three months of 1965 was 115.5 million dozen, an increase of 3.8 per cent over the 111.3 million dozen produced during the corresponding period of 1964.

Estimates of supply and disposition of Poultry Meat and Eggs for 1963 and 1964 as published in D.B.S. Daily Bulletin of April 6 are reproduced on page 4 of this report.

Frozen Eggs: Processing to frozen egg in all plants under inspection reporting to the Department of Agriculture during the four week period ending March 27 was 1,659,176 pounds as compared with 2,247,761 pounds during the corresponding period in 1964.

(1) Exclusive of Newfoundland.



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TABLE 1. Egg Production, by Province, March 1965

	Average Number of layers(1)	Eggs per 100 layers	Net egg production
	'000	No.	'000 doz.
Prince Edward Island.....	268	1,834	407
Nova Scotia.....	1,006	1,828	1,521
New Brunswick.....	585	1,739	842
Quebec.....	4,858	1,847	7,419
Ontario.....	10,096	1,832	15,335
Manitoba.....	2,960	1,741	4,264
Saskatchewan.....	1,906	1,572	2,465
Alberta.....	2,606	1,595	3,423
British Columbia.....	2,840	1,804	4,245
Canada.....	27,125	1,779	39,921

(1) The average of the estimated number of layers at the beginning and end of the month.

TABLE 2. Egg Production, by Province, March 1964

	Average Number of layers(1)	Eggs per 100 layers	Net egg production
	'000	No.	'000 doz.
Prince Edward Island.....	265	1,776	389
Nova Scotia.....	995	1,803	1,486
New Brunswick.....	552	1,664	760
Quebec.....	4,116	1,753	5,972
Ontario.....	10,263	1,850	15,734
Manitoba.....	2,614	1,724	3,718
Saskatchewan.....	1,986	1,663	2,727
Alberta.....	2,566	1,595	3,372
British Columbia.....	2,638	1,783	3,898
Canada.....	25,995	1,769	38,056

(1) The average of the estimated number of layers at the beginning and end of the month.

TABLE 3. Egg Disposition, March 1964 and 1965

	Sold for market				Used for food by producers			
	Quantity		Value		Quantity		Value	
	1964	1965	1964	1965	1964	1965	1964	1965
	'000 doz.		\$'000		'000 doz.		\$'000	
Prince Edward Island	333	353	116	100	39	42	13	11
Nova Scotia.....	1,325	1,360	480	494	77	88	27	31
New Brunswick.....	643	722	284	285	96	100	41	38
Quebec.....	4,884	6,406	1,851	2,204	571	595	211	199
Ontario.....	13,954	13,816	4,563	4,103	730	735	231	211
Manitoba.....	3,148	3,761	881	952	279	283	75	69
Saskatchewan.....	1,912	1,697	520	472	630	620	165	166
Alberta.....	2,418	2,551	641	696	546	588	139	155
British Columbia....	3,540	3,909	1,211	1,372	153	157	51	54
Canada.....	32,157	34,575	10,547	10,678	3,121	3,208	953	934

TABLE 4. Net Production and Disposition of Eggs
January to the End of March 1964 and 1965

	Production		Disposition			
	Net production(1)		Sold for market(2)		Used for food by producers	
	1964	1965	1964	1965	1964	1965
			'000 doz.			
Prince Edward Island	1,075	1,089	933	953	107	117
Nova Scotia.....	4,574	4,455	4,202	4,064	200	232
New Brunswick.....	2,301	2,439	2,011	2,137	251	256
Quebec.....	17,469	21,269	14,656	18,429	1,595	1,653
Ontario.....	45,297	45,213	40,907	40,963	2,057	2,154
Manitoba.....	11,205	12,455	9,952	11,213	785	861
Saskatchewan.....	7,885	7,086	5,833	5,131	1,792	1,718
Alberta.....	10,074	9,643	7,806	7,357	1,566	1,727
British Columbia....	11,418	11,869	10,479	10,964	454	453
Canada.....	111,298	115,518	96,779	101,211	8,807	9,171

(1) Includes hatching eggs.

(2) Hatching eggs not included.



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Production And Consumption Of
Eggs And Poultry Meat In 1964

Net production of eggs in Canada (excluding Newfoundland) increased by 4.8% to an estimated 437,906,000 dozen in 1964 from 417,-

920,000 dozen in 1963, according to figures that will appear in the 1964 issue of the Bureau's annual report "Production of Poultry and Eggs". Average number of layers on farms increased to an estimated 26,399,000 from 25,388,000 in the preceding year, and the rate of lay increased to 201 eggs per hen from 199.

Egg exports totalled the equivalent of 2,374,000 dozen in the year compared to 1,474,000 in the preceding year and imports amounted to 2,125,000 dozen versus 8,795,000. Domestic consumption was estimated at 414,891,000 dozen versus 407,-626,000, a per capita consumption of 21.5 dozen in both years.

Poultry meat production increased 7.7% to 653,739,000 pounds from 606,981,000 in 1963 (eviscerated weight). Production of fowl and chicken meat, accounting for the major part of total output, increased to 483,349,000 pounds from 453,437,000. Output of turkey meat increased to 162,448,000 pounds from 146,317,000 pounds, duck meat to 4,922,000 pounds from 4,197,000 and goose meat decreased to 3,020,000 pounds from 3,030,000.

Per capita consumption of poultry meat in 1964 (1963 figures in brackets) was as follows: fowl and chicken, 25.3 pounds (23.7); turkey, 8.7 pounds (8.3); goose, 0.15 pounds (0.15); and duck, 0.32 pounds (0.30).

Poultry Meat & Eggs: Supply & Disposition 1963 & 1964

(Poultry Meats on eviscerated basis)

1 9 6 3	Total	Fowl And Chicken		Total	Turkey	Goose	Duck	Eggs
	Meat	Fowl	Chicken					
				'000 pounds				'000 doz.
Stocks at January 1 ..	38,464	4,028	6,482	10,510	27,331	309	314	4,920
Production(1).....	606,931	78,564	374,873	453,437	146,317	3,030	4,197	417,920
Imports.....	7,696	3,595	2,357	5,952	38	-	1,706	8,795
Total Supply.....	653,141	86,187	383,712	469,899	173,686	3,339	6,217	431,635
Exports.....	1,021	-	468	468	280	273	-	1,474
Stocks at December 31.	37,246	7,933	12,307	20,240	16,206	199	601	4,260
Domestic Disappearance	614,874	78,254	370,937	449,191	157,200	2,867	5,616	425,901
Less Used For Hatching	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	18,275
Domestic Consumption	614,874	78,254	370,937	449,191	157,200	2,867	5,616	407,626
			p o u n d s					dozen
Per Capita Consumption	32.5	4.1	19.6	23.7	8.3	0.15	0.30	21.5
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Stocks at January 1 ..	37,246	7,933	12,307	20,240	16,206	199	601	4,260
Production(1).....	653,739	78,331	405,018	483,349	162,448	3,020	4,922	437,906
Imports	15,279	1,478	2,443	3,921	10,086*	-	1,272	2,125
Total Supply.....	706,264	87,742	419,768	507,510	188,740	3,219	6,795	444,291
Exports.....	680	-	451	451	134	91	4	2,374
Stocks at December 31.	40,857	7,495	11,156	18,651	21,522	151	533	6,840
Domestic Disappearance	664,727	80,247	408,161	488,408	167,084	2,977	6,258	435,077
Less Used For Hatching	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	20,186
Domestic Consumption	664,727	80,247	408,161	488,408	167,084	2,977	6,258	414,891
			p o u n d s					dozen
Per Capita Consumption	34.5	4.1	21.2	25.3	8.7	0.15	0.32	21.5

(1) Production estimates do not include Newfoundland.

* Includes an estimate of 4,705,000 pounds eviscerated weight equivalent of live turkeys imported for processing in Canada.